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For: INJECTION HOLE PLATE AND FUEL INJECTION APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME

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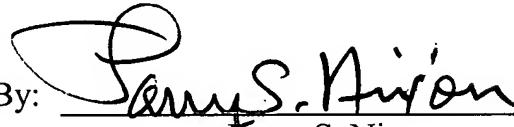
In response to the Office Action dated 09/10/2004, finding that the Applicant has claimed three patentably distinct species of invention (*i.e.* no one of which is made "obvious" by any other or any combination of others Under 35 U.S.C. §103), Applicant hereby elects for further substantive examination species I relating to Figures 1, 10, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24 and 26. It is believed that claims 1-15 read on the elected species and that at least claims 1 and 14 are generic to other species.

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Accordingly, an early and favorable action with respect to all claims 1-15 is respectfully solicited.

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